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1. I AM DISAPPOINTED THAT A SENIOR-LEVEL WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING. I AM ALSO CONCERNED THAT REF A DID NOT MENTION A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL MEETING. I HOPE THAT THE MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KREPS IS NOT REGARDED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED AT THE TWO PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS.

2. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE IN ADDITION TO THE MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KREPS. THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THE ABSENCE OF A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE WOULD CONSIDERABLY OUTWEIGH THE MODEST IMPACT I MIGHT ACHIEVE WITH A SPEECH OF MY OWN. THE ABSENCE OF SUCH A MESSAGE WOULD BE INTERPRETED BY U.S. BUSINESSMEN ENGAGED IN POLAND AS A CLEAR SIGN OF USG DEEMPHASIS OF THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING TO DO BUSINESS HERE. I THEREFORE HOPE THAT I MIGHT BE AUTHORIZED TO READ APPROPRIATE STATEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

3. A DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FOLLOWS. IF SUCH A MESSAGE
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WERE AUTHORIZED AND SECRETARY KREPS ALSO SENT A MESSAGE, IT WOULD SEEM EXCESSIVE FOR ME TO MAKE A SPEECH. I WILL DELAY MY REPLY TO BROOKS MCCORMICK UNTIL I RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

4. BEGIN TEXT (SUBPARAGRAPH DESIGNATIONS ARE FOR CONVENIENCE OF REFERENCE ONLY):

A. IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO GREET ALL THE PARTICIPANTS
AT THIS YEAR'S MEETING OF THE US-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING,
THE FIRST SINCE I HAVE TAKEN OFFICE.

B. I AM VERY PLEASED THAT US-POLISH COMMERCIAL TIES HAVE STRENGTHENED SO GREATLY IN RECENT YEARS, AND I EXPECT THIS PROCESS
TO CONTINUE UNDER MY ADMINISTRATION.

C. OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ESTABLISHED TARGETS FOR OUR TRADE-PROMOTION EFFORTS. IN STRIVING TO MEET THE \$1-BILLION GOAL FOR
TWO-WAY TRADE IN 1976, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT EXPENDED A GREAT DEAL
OF EFFORT. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, UNDER MY LEADERSHIP, OUR
GOVERNMENT WILL WORK JUST AS HARD IN THE EFFORT TO MEET THE
1980 GOAL OF \$2 BILLION.

D. OF COURSE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN ONLY FACILITATE THE
DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE. COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS MUST BE CONCLUDED
BY FIRMS SUCH AS YOURS. YOUR PERFORMANCE SO FAR HAS BEEN
EXCELLENT.

E. I BELIEVE THAT, DURING MY FIRST FIVE MONTHS IN OFFICE,
I HAVE DEMONSTRATED A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING A MORE
PROSPEROUS WORLD ECONOMY IN WHICH ALL NATIONS CAN GREATLY
INCREASE THEIR MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TRADE. I TRUST THAT THE
MEMBERS OF THE US-POLISH ECONOMIC COUNCIL WILL HELP ME MAINTAIN
THIS COMMITMENT BY EXPANDING TRADE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

F. I WISH YOU A SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE SESSION.

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/SIGNED/ JIMMY CARTER
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE WHITE HOUSE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
MAY ----, 1977.
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